



COUNCIL NEWS/Q2 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Michelle Hild

This is the second issue of *RoadMap*, the new quarterly council newsletter and we hope you enjoy it. Our first issue, sent in early May, came with your KOG quarterly statement. We thought we were being smart and economical by sending them in one envelope; but we soon realized many members file these statements with their tax documents, to be reviewed at a later date, and they never saw the newsletter. So, on to Plan B!

We have worked closely with Lynn Sullivan, our Director of Communications, to figure out the best method for sending out this newsletter. She is always working towards efficiency and achieving the best results in how we, as members, view information. Digital communication has become part of our lives and with this technology Lynn can track how many people open up KOG emails, how many click on links, how many view the online streaming of KOG sermons and how many visit the KOG website. So, to be better stewards of our limited resources, Council is going to embrace digital communication. While you have received this newsletter through the good 'ol post office, beginning in October, it will come as a dedicated email. For those of you who have not subscribed to the KOG Weekly Email, please consider doing that today. If you prefer to not receive emails, you will be able to pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Welcome Desk.

We have a lot going on at King of Glory including saying goodbye to two special people. We hope you will continue to join us in this ride.

Trusting Him,
**Michelle Hild, President
& Council Members**

A few highlights of the past few months:

- In preparation for the staff addition of a Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, Council read and discussed the book *Growing Young*.
- The Facilities Committee Chairman updated Council on the committee's tasks and received approval for funds to start repairs.
- We are still working on the Neighborhood Care Groups. With the ability to map our members by neighborhood, we can now make our care efforts more user-friendly, so stay tuned!

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Thank you to John Mathis and his great group of KOG volunteers in helping the resettlement of our new refugee family who arrived from Afghanistan on Tuesday, June 11. The group welcomed Milad and his wife Rahima and their four beautiful children. They were given a special visa to come to the United States due to Milad's 18 years of service to U.S. forces in Afghanistan. They are now settled in a modest but comfortable apartment, thanks to the generous donations of our congregation.

The June 9 storm created a few challenges in getting the apartment ready, but John and his team prevailed once again. Thank you to all for helping make this family feel welcome and providing the necessities to help them get settled in their new home.

This ministry supports the mission of the ELCA Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services program. If you would like to donate additional funds to King of Glory to help with this ministry, go to koggives.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

In May we celebrated our graduating seniors with the *Flanket Ceremony*, our final *Stepping Stone: Into the World*. Will Brookover, Sophia Miller, and David Steinberger were wrapped in a special "faith" blanket (a.k.a. flanket) as a reminder that as they step out into the world, they will always be blanketed in God's love, their family's love as well as the love of the KOG community.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This year's VBS theme, *To Mars and Beyond*, was a week long program for children ages K through 5th. We had 66 children from 44 families attend this year with 26 children staying after VBS to attend the Triumph Sports Camp.

Thank you to the more than 40 volunteers (16 youth) that made this week a success.

REMEMBERING 28 YEARS

A huge thank you to all the members who created centerpieces for 28+ tables representing friendships, special moments, inside jokes, tributes and love for Kim Widlund, our Director of Administration, and her service to King of Glory. We thank Marilyn Cupp, Pastor Jon Lee, and Harold Huddleston for their kind words to Kim. We also want to thank Pastor Jim Graeser for his speech which was cut short by our very own honoree, who stood up and told everyone to get to the basement because warning sirens were going off as a dangerous storm was coming through Dallas.

With the chaos of the raging storm, power outages, trees uprooted — our ladies cutting cake by the lights of their cell phones — we continued on with wishes of bon voyage to Kim.

A June 9 we will not forget for a while, but a great ending inside our walls as the cake was enjoyed by all, even a woman and her children looking for shelter from the storm! We are glad everyone was ok, but prayers continue for the damages our members have suffered. Kim, you will be missed!!!!



FUN FACT

Over the last twelve months, we have had five weddings at King of Glory plus Pastor Jim has officiated two offsite and is scheduled for three more in the near future.

KOG HAS VENMO

You can now make your weekly offering or any donation through the Venmo app on your phone. Look for @kingofglory.

SHOP ON AMAZON?

Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose King of Glory Lutheran Church—Dallas, TX as your charity. With your purchases, a percentage is given to King of Glory.

JESUS AND HARLEY DAVIDSON CHANGED MY LIFE

In June, Pastor Jim led a four-week adult Sunday school class about evangelism. Titled “Jesus and Harley Davidson Changed My Life,” Pastor Jim drew parallels that just as entering biker life comes with its own language, its own stories, and its own expectations, so, too, does entering Christian life. How can we learn from the way we passionately talk about our hobbies to help us passionately talk about our experience with Jesus? The parallels could have been drawn to gym life, diet life, running life, crafting life—whatever someone is passionate about, he or she always seems to be sharing about that passion. How can we be better equipped to share our passion for Jesus?

Pastor Jim encouraged the class to develop their own vocabulary with regard to how Jesus has changed their life and to be able to share that experience in a thirty-second, compelling testimony. The class was asked to consider how Jesus talked about himself in order to shape their own language about Jesus. The class reflected upon what kind of life Christ-followers are expected to demonstrate AND verbalize. If you tell someone about how great it is to ride on the open road, or if you tell someone about how great it is to go to the gym every day, etc., why wouldn't we tell someone about how great life with Jesus is?

Our last session moved from talking about our individual stories to our communal story as King of Glory. Lynn Sullivan, King of Glory's Communications Director, presented King of Glory's communication strategy — how we share with our outside community what Jesus is doing in our life as a congregation. It's more than promotion or marketing; it's about sharing our Jesus lifestyle with others who may not know what a Jesus lifestyle is.

Thank you to Michael Shake, Director of Music and Artistic Ministries, for the time you have blessed our church with your talent, wit, and eloquent style. We will miss those bowties!!! We are sad for King of Glory but thrilled for you, Laura and your new church. They will be blessed just as we were. We wish you and Laura all the best in this new adventure!



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

King of Glory and nine other congregations, as members of Richardson Area Interfaith Habitat (RAIH), just completed their 40th Habitat Build with a House Dedication taking place on June 29.

RAIH also won the 2018 Sponsor of the Year Award from Dallas Habitat for Humanity. Thank you to Jed Gifford and his team for their continuing faith in this program. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Jed Gifford at jed.gifford@yahoo.com. Thanks for the continued support.



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13



YELLOW LIGHT... CAUTION...

That's how I'm viewing KOG's year-to-date figures. We received offerings of \$135,524 in May which is about average but our year-to-date total of \$746,000 is low by about \$50,000. We have controlled expenses, so that our year-to-date deficit is only \$15,000. However, in order for us to reach our offering target of \$2.019 million, our weekly offerings need to increase.

Blessings,
Michael Weir
Council Treasurer

CHURCH IN SOCIETY

In June, Dallas Area Interfaith (DAI), one of our ministry partners, approached King of Glory about hosting approximately 50 immigrants. We were interested in this endeavor but then learned that the City of Dallas has an ordinance that prohibits churches from housing the homeless or refugees on church premises overnight. Church in Society is currently looking into other ways King of Glory can support issues around poverty.

Dobie Primary School. As of July 15, members have contributed \$13,163 and 422 backpacks towards the KOG Backpack Challenge to provide Dobie with backpacks and supplies for all 546 incoming students. This past year, KOG has been able to help Dobie Primary with Christmas presents for underprivileged families, providing needed classroom supplies such as a laminator, hosting a Staff Appreciation Lunch and giving books to the kindergarten graduates. Dobie is a wonderful school in our neighborhood and we are blessed to have this opportunity to serve them. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to cis@kingofglory.com.

We also thank Thrivent for offering two Thrivent Action Grants which have been used to help support Dobie Primary School along with several of our other ministry partners. Additional grants (2 per year of \$250 each) are available to KOG members. To see more information about Thrivent Action grants, visit their website at thrivent.com/making-a-difference.

FAITH IS BEING SURE OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR, AND CERTAIN OF WHAT WE DO NOT SEE.

HEBREWS 11:1

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COORDINATOR UPDATE

At our June Council meeting, we discussed the book "Growing Young" and found it to be very enlightening. The take away was Young Adults want authenticity and are wondering 'Who am I?' and 'Where do I fit?' We discussed how energizing our Young Adult ministry can, in turn, energize the entire congregation. We also talked about continuing with a mentoring program beyond the confirmation Faith Statement through the young adult years. This young adult age group craves fellowship and to be involved in service opportunities and intergenerational activities. It was concluded that KOG has a good foundation; we just need to build upon it.

The interview team includes Pastor Jim Graeser, Erika Allen, Ashley Hanks, Michelle Hild, Sharon Lane, and another young adult Member – Quinn Reckmeyer. The job description has been posted on 6 different websites and over 45 applicants have applied for our position. The interview process has begun. Stay Tuned!!!

THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Very Exciting News! Have you noticed the Stucco is repaired on the walls of the Activity Center!!! The bubbles are gone!
- In September the rental house at 6410 Clubhouse Drive will be listed with Philip Wells of Wells Realtors for \$425,000. If you know anyone who would like to live in this area, please pass on the information.

If you have questions, notice repairs needed, etc., contact facilities@kingofglory.com.

The Texas Ramp Project, one of King of Glory's mission partners, has earned the 2019 Gold Seal of Transparency from GuideStar. This designation ensures that potential donors can make educated decisions about the nonprofit organization. Last year Ramp Project volunteers, many from KOG, built nearly 2,000 wheelchair ramps for low-income people who are elderly or have disabilities, including over 350 in the Dallas area. A special thank you to KOG member John Laine and all of those on the board who have been making these ramps available for more than 30 years.

Information about the Texas Ramp Project is at www.texasramps.org.

Do you remember the King of Glory Advent Community Event: Hearts and Hands for Hope we hosted in December? With the help of the KOG Building Tomorrow Together Outreach Fund and a KOG Foundation Grant, we were able to fund the \$10,000 project cost for the supplies the organization provides. Over 230 volunteers from King of Glory, along with members of the Poteet High School football team, packaged 25,344 meals for Rise Against Hunger. Those meals became part of a shipping container of 285,120 meals that was sent to Nicaragua to Rise Against Hunger partner ORPHANetwork. We would love to do it again for Lent in 2020, but we need someone to chair this event. (Co-Chairs are welcome too!) It won't happen without you! Contact Janet Follsteadt at cis@kingofglory.com if you are interested.



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